

**From:** Gurdip Gill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 April 2023 15:46  
**To:** Licensing [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Additional information regarding 3 Jyot licence review

**Sensitivity: PROTECT**

Hi,

Further to Dianne's email below, I have attached signed copies of the statements of Gurdip Gill and Nicola Biddle along with higher density scans of exhibit DS/4 in relation to the statement of Dianne Slack.

Regards,

*Gurdip*

Gurdip Gill  
District Officer - Trading Standards  
Tel. Office: [REDACTED]  
Tel. Mobile: [REDACTED]

[E-mail:](#) [REDACTED]  
City of Wolverhampton Council

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

*(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2;  
Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)*

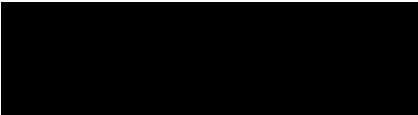
**STATEMENT OF Gurdip Gill**

**Age of witness (if over 18, enter “over 18”):** Over 18

**This statement (consisting of 3 pages) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.**

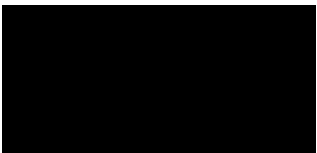
**Date** 13 April 2023

**Signed ..**



1. I am employed by the City of Wolverhampton Council as a District Officer in the Trading Standards Team. I hold the Diploma in Consumer Affairs. My duties include the investigation of consumer complaints into fair trading matters. I am an authorised officer for a wide range of consumer protection legislation including the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.
2. On 6 December 2022 I accompanied officers from City of Wolverhampton Council’s Licensing Section on a visit to the premises of 3 Jyot Off Licence, 287 Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 2HY following receipt of a complaint about an alleged sale of alcohol from the shop to a minor.
3. The other officers were Debra Craner Section Leader, Licensing & Compliance, and Anita Chonk, Senior Licensing Officer. Kayley Dixon, from West Midlands Police, also attended.
4. We arrived at the shop premises at around 13:55 hours. Upon entering the premises, I observed a middle-aged Asian male behind the shop counter. He stated that his name was Gurdip Singh. Debra Craner spoke to him about the

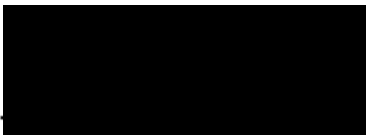
**Signed .**



**Date** 13 April 2023

complaint that had been received and asked to view the shop's CCTV footage of the incident. The CCTV recorder was on a high shelf adjacent to the entrance door.

5. Mr Singh stated that the girl who had purchased alcohol had looked old enough to buy it. He said that the girl's father had later come into the shop and said she had to go to hospital and asked for £50 to cover the cost of medicine. Mr Singh said he had paid £50 to the father.
6. Mr Singh was happy for us to view the CCTV footage but stated he was not sure how the recorder worked. He stated that the girl's father had viewed the footage and had taken a photograph showing the sale. Debra Craner attempted to operate the CCTV recorder but found it was not possible to view the particular footage.
7. I also tried to find the footage by selecting the date and time on the review menu on the CCTV recorder but found that the relevant footage could not be accessed, and the images merely kept reverting to current views of the shop. Mr Singh then rang his son and asked him how to operate the CCTV recorder and then tried to view the footage, but he was not able to bring up the relevant footage of the sale to the girl.
8. I then told Mr Singh that we would need to take the CCTV recorder away for examination and issued Mr Singh with a notice, which I produce as Exhibit GSG/3Jyot/1.
9. Mr Singh then stated the girl had only been in the shop for around 10 minutes and had only purchased the cans of alcohol and nothing else. His wife pointed out the particular cans of alcohol that had been purchased. Mr Singh then again said the girl's father had come in to the shop and asked for £50 for medication

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that he said had to be purchased and had told Mr Singh he would not report the incident.

10. I left the premises at around 15:30 hours and took the CCTV recorder to

Arcanum, a provider of digital forensic services, for forensic examination.

11. On 7 December 2022 I collected the CCTV recorder from Arcanum. The CCTV recorder was returned to the shop the same day and was received by

[REDACTED]

12. On 15 December 2022 I collected an imaged drive and statement from Arcanum.

13. On 20 December 2022 I handed the imaged drive and statement to Debra Craner.

14. On 3 March 2023 I wrote to Gurdip Singh in relation to a premises licence review of 3 Jyot Off Licence. I produce the letter dated 03 March 2023 as exhibit GSG/3Jyot/2.

15. On 10 March 2023, Mr Singh rang me about the correspondence he had received about the review. I later spoke to Mr Singh's son and told him how to obtain more information about the review process and that Mr Singh could consider seeking independent legal advice. [REDACTED]

Signed . [REDACTED] .....

Date 13 April 2023



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CITY OF  
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COUNCIL

TO: GURDIP SINGH  
3 JYOT OFF LICENCE  
287 WILLENTHAL ROAD  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
WV1 2HY

Enquiries to: GURDIP GILL

Direct Dial (01902) [REDACTED]

Date: 6/12/2022

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Your attention is drawn to the following matters.

CONSUMER RIGHTS ACT 2015

Re: Allegation of sale of  
alcohol to a child

I have seized a video CCTV  
recorder so that footage of  
the sale can be viewed.

Received by: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Position: mail

[REDACTED]  
Trading Standards  
Authorised Officer

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GSG/3JYOT/2

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL

03 March 2023

Mr Gurdip Singh

Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor

3 Jyot Off Licence

aka AK Convenience Store and Off Licence

287 Willenhall Road

Wolverhampton

WV1 2HY

Dear Mr Singh,

**Review Notice: Premises Licence Number – 22/39195/PREDPS**

**Licensing Act 2003:**

I am writing to you as a Responsible Authority to inform you that the Trading Standards Service is requesting the City of Wolverhampton Council to review the Premises Licence for 3 Jyot Off Licence also known as AK Convenience Store and Off Licence.

This follows:-

- A report received by the Council of an alleged underage sale of alcohol (5 cans of Black Storm lager 7.5% ABV) to a vulnerable young person in early December 2022.
- The underage sale of 2 x 250ml cans of Gordons Gin & Tonic, at 5% ABV, to a child under the age of 18 on the 23 February 2023, from 3 Jyot Off Licence also known as AK Convenience Store and Off Licence, 287 Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 2HY.
- An inspection of your premises being conducted by Trading Standards and Licensing officers on 24 February 2023, during which various contraventions were identified.

I have attached a copy of the Review Notice application form. This notice outlines the reasons why this Service is asking for a review. The Review Notice will also be served on the Licensing Authority, as well as the other responsible authorities.

The review of the Premises Licence will be referred to a hearing of the Licensing Sub-Committee for their consideration following a 28 day representation period. The purpose of the review is to ask the Sub-Committee to consider a suspension or revocation of the Premise Licence with the aim of preventing such activity in the future. You will be contacted in due course regarding the date and time of any such hearing and your attendance.

In the meantime, should you require any further advice or information regarding the Review Notice Application please do not hesitate to contact me or Lee Jenks, Team Leader for Trading Standards, on the trading standards email below. Should you require any further information regarding the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing where the review of the Premises Licence will be determined please do not hesitate to contact the Licensing Section on 01902 550106.

Yours sincerely,



Gurdip Gill  
District Officer  
Trading Standards Service

Direct: 

Email:

[tradingstandards@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

**Application for the review of a premises licence or club  
premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.  
If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all  
cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use  
additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I Gurdip Gill

*(Insert name of applicant)*

**Apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51**

**(delete as applicable)**

**Part 1 – Premises or club premises details**

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b>	
3 Jyot Off Licence aka AK Convenience Store and Off Licence 287 Willenhall Road Wolverhampton WV1 2HY	
<b>Post town</b> Wolverhampton	<b>Post code (if known)</b> WV1 2HY

<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b> Gurdip Singh
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<b>Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)</b> 22/39195/PREDPS
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**Part 2 - Applicant details**

I am

**Please tick yes**

1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

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- 3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) ☐ below)

**(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT** (fill in as applicable)

**Please tick**

Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other title  
(for example, Rev)

**Surname**

**First names**

**I am 18 years old or over**

**Please tick yes**

☐

**Current postal  
address if  
different from  
premises  
address**

**Post town**

**Post Code**

**Daytime contact telephone number**

**E-mail address  
(optional)**

**(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT**

**Name and address**

**Telephone number (if any)**

**E-mail address (optional)**

**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT**

Name and address

Gurdip Gill  
District Officer  
Trading Standards Service  
City of Wolverhampton Council  
Civic Centre  
St Peter's Square  
Wolverhampton  
WV1 1RP

Telephone number (if any)

[REDACTED]

E-mail address (optional)

[REDACTED]

**This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)**

Please tick one or more boxes

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm

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**Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 1)**

Based on conditions under the protection of children from harm and the prevention of crime and disorder being breached



**Please provide as much information as possible to support the application**  
(please read guidance note 2)

a) The local weights and measures authority has "responsible authority" status under the Licensing Act 2003 by virtue of the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005.

b) On 2 December 2022, information was received by City of Wolverhampton Council Customer Services alleging that alcohol had been sold to a vulnerable child by a shop located opposite Mayfield Medical Centre on Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton. Subsequent enquiries established that the shop concerned was 3 Jyot Off Licence, 287 Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 2HY.

c) The complaint was made by the father of the child who stated that his daughter had been sold 5 cans of strong lager called Black Storm at 7.5% ABV, by the shop the previous evening. The father stated that his daughter had later collapsed in the street the same night and had been found by a member of the public. An ambulance had been called and she was taken to hospital and it was believed that she had suffered a cardiac arrest. Further details were later received that his daughter was 15 years of age, had learning difficulties and resided in assisted accommodation.

d) Officers from City of Wolverhampton Council Licensing Section and Trading Standards Service visited the premises on 6 December 2022 and attempted to view the shop's CCTV footage of the alleged sale to the child but the footage could not be accessed at the time. Forensic analysis of the CCTV was subsequently carried out but it was found that footage of the incident was not available to view and that only footage after the alleged sale was available to be viewed. During the visit the shop owner, Gurdip Singh, told officers that his wife had made the sale. Information was also received that alluded to the shop owner paying £50 to the child's father on the basis that the incident would not be reported, but this has not been verified.

e) On 23 February 2023, 2 x 250ml cans of Gordons Gin & Tonic at 5%ABV were sold to a 16 year old authorised volunteer on behalf of the City of Wolverhampton Council. The sale was witnessed by a Trading Standards Officer. It is a criminal offence under section 146(1) of the Licensing Act 2003 to sell alcohol to a person under the age of 18.

f) No attempt was made to ask her age or ask for identification.

g) It is a mandatory condition under The Licensing Act 2003 that a business operates an Age Verification Policy.

h) This volunteer was refused age restricted products at another shop that day.

i) The sale was made by a young male sales assistant who was behind the counter.

j) On 24 February 2023 officers from City of Wolverhampton Council Trading Standards and Licensing sections visited 3 Jyot Off Licence to conduct an inspection. The shop's CCTV, which showed footage of the sale to the under age volunteer on 23 February 2023, was viewed and an advisory letter was left with the shop owner. The following contraventions were also noted during the inspection:

k) There was no refusals book available to inspect.

l) There was no Licence Summary on display, contrary to Section 57(4)

Licensing Act 2003. However it should be noted that it was available for inspection.

- m) There was no statutory tobacco notice on display, contrary to Section 4 Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991.
- n) The cigarette gantry was open leaving tobacco products on display, contrary to the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion (Display)(England) Regulations 2010
- o) It was suspected that staff training about age restricted sales legislation was not being provided in relation to age verification and challenging customers attempting to purchase alcohol.
- p) The shop owner stated that CCTV recordings were only being retained for 15 days and the timer on the CCTV was found to be out by 75 minutes.
- q) It was established that details had not been notified to the Licensing Authority in relation to a change of name of the business and change of address of the the premises licence holder,
- r) It was suspected that the shop owner's 16 year old son was making sales of alcohol.
- s) Non-compliant single use vape products (eleven IVG Max Bar 3000 e-cigarettes) were found behind the counter. The stated capacity was 800 puffs and 40mg nicotine dose which exceeds the legally permitted levels, namely 600 puffs and maximum 20mg nicotine dose. The shop owner was agreeable to the products being taken for destruction by Trading Standards. Accordingly they were seized by a Trading Standards Officer. The products have subsequently been verified as non-compliant by a Trading Standards Officer checking the Independent British Trade Vape Association's database of non-compliant products.
- t) A trader's notice was left.
- u) Gurdip Singh trading as 3 Jyot Off Licence also known as AK Convenience Store and Off Licence, has engaged in activities which have breached the licensing objectives namely 'the prevention of crime and disorder' and 'the protection of children from harm'.

The Home Office publishes guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, with the following paragraphs being particularly relevant:

2.22 The protection of children from harm includes the protection of children from moral, psychological and physical harm. This includes not only protecting children from the harms associated directly with alcohol consumption but also wider harms such as exposure to strong language and sexual expletives.

2.23 The Government believes that it is completely unacceptable to sell alcohol to children.

11.27 There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. This includes the use of the licensed premises for the illegal purchase and consumption of alcohol by minors which impacts on the health, educational attainment, employment prospects and propensity for crime of young people.

The guidance goes on to say that:

11.28 .....Where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that suspension or revocation of the licence - even in the first instance - should be seriously considered.

**With regards to vapes, Part 6 of the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016:**

- sets minimum standards for the safety and quality of all e-cigarettes and refill containers (otherwise known as e-liquids)**
- ensures that information is provided to consumers so they can make informed choices**
- promotes an environment that protects children from starting to use these products**

**Please tick yes**

Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before ☐

If yes please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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**If you have made representations before relating to this premises please state what they were and when you made them**

**Please tick yes**

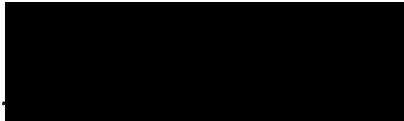
- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate ☒
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected ☒

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION**

**Part 3 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 3)

**Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (See guidance note 4). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature



Date 3 March 2023

Capacity District Officer

**Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application** (please read guidance note 5)

**Post town**

**Post Code**

**Telephone number (if any)**

**If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)**

**Notes for Guidance**

1. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
3. The application form must be signed.
4. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

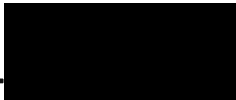
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### STATEMENT OF Nicola Biddle

Age of witness (if over 18, enter "over 18"): Over 18

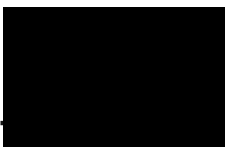
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Date: 5th April 2023


Signed .....  .....

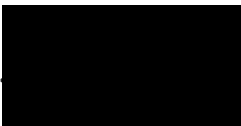
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1. I have been employed by City of Wolverhampton Council in an enforcement capacity for the past fifteen years and I am currently employed in the role of Senior Officer: Trading Standards.
2. I hold a Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Consumer and Trading Standards and have been appointed an Inspector of Weights and Measures by the Secretary of State. I hold a Diploma in Consumer and Trading Standards, a Higher Diploma in Intelligence Operations and I am a member of the Chartered Trading Standards Institute.
3. As an Inspector of Weights and Measures authorised under the Weights and Measures Act 1985, at 12:02 hours on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023, I instructed a 16-year-old female volunteer to enter retail premises at 287 Willenhall Road and attempt to purchase alcohol on behalf of City of Wolverhampton Council.
4. Upon arrival at the premises, I expected to see the shop name 3 Jyot Off Licence but the name above the shop front was AK Convenience.

Signed .....  .....

Date ..... 05/04/2023 .....

5. To ensure the volunteer's safety I walked ahead of her into the shop and was present in the shop as she purchased two cans of Gordon's Pink Gin and Tonic. I heard a small amount of conversation take place between the volunteer and the seller, but I couldn't hear the content.
6. I would describe the person who sold the alcohol to the child as a young Asian male. I noted he appeared to be particularly young, perhaps just 16 or 17 years of age, wore a head scarf with a beanie hat on top, and was approximately 5ft 9" tall.
7. The shop was small and there were no other customers present but there was a lot of chatter between the seller and several other men who were on the doorstep of the shop discussing painting the shopfront and doorframe, one of which I believe was of black ethnic background and the others Asian. Whilst I was in the shop there was a lot of discussion about how to remove gloss paint from a coat and the seller paid little attention to myself or the volunteer.
8. As the volunteer left the shop, I asked the seller if they sold food bags. He didn't seem to understand what I wanted and so I asked for sandwich bags to put your lunch in and hovered by the small range of foil and household items. The young man called to one of the men on the doorstep who came in to briefly look at the section I was stood in front of before saying no. I don't recall what this man looked like, other than he was also a young Asian male. I didn't buy anything and was back in the car at 12:07 hours. 

Signed ..... Date *05/04/2023* .....

DS/4



TO: Chandya Singh  
Alk Convenience Store  
287 Willenhall Rd,  
Wolverhampton

Enquiries to: D. Slack

Direct Dial (01902) [REDACTED]

Date: 24/2/23

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Your attention is drawn to the following matters.

Consumer Protection Act 1987

Licensing Act 2003 S146

Tobacco & Related Products Reg 2016

Children & Young Person (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991

Health Act 2006

① Today I noticed the tobacco gentry was  
up exposing tobacco products

② There was no tobacco notice on display

③ Your licence summary was not displayed correctly

④ Your CCTV showed the underage sale of  
alcohol yesterday at 1.22 I have log-

Received by: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Position: owner

[REDACTED]  
Trading Standards  
Authorised Officer

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TO: Amr Singh

Enquiries to: D. Slade

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Date: 24/2/23

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Your attention is drawn to the following matters:

a letter explaining it & how to avoid  
make eye sales.  
Hence given as more notices re make eye  
sales & Refuse to book.  
Get a full panel.  
Improve training - you said you had shown  
6 months, shop is Dually 1 year.  
I will be in touch re questions made  
re this & I will be ignoring hiring Team  
of my decisions.

Received by: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Position: OWNER

Trading Standards  
Authorised Officer

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